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In re Application of:

S.D. AUGUSTINE ET AL

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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

A Notice of Appeal accompanies this paper.

In response to the Final Action dated 11 September 2000, please reconsider the rejections made in that paper. For convenience, the claims at issue are reprinted below.

IN THE CLAIMS

20. (Unchanged) An inflatable cover for controlling the temperature of a person, comprising:

a laminate base sheet having two ends and two edges defining a periphery of the cover;

the base sheet including an under layer of a fibrous material, and an upper surface;

a plurality of apertures opening through the base sheet;

an overlaying sheet attached to the upper surface of the base sheet at a plurality of locations within the periphery of the cover;

the overlaying sheet sealed to the upper surface of the base sheet near the periphery of the cover to form an inflatable structure comprising the overlaying sheet and the base sheet;

a non-inflatable portion of the inflatable structure near a head end; and

an opening near a foot end for admitting warmed air to the inflatable structure;

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